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ACROSS AGGREGATED LINKS  
SUPPORTING A PLURALITY OF  
TRANSMISSION RATES**

Art Group: 2666

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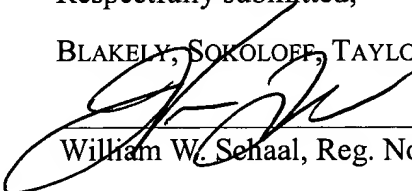
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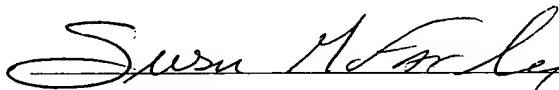
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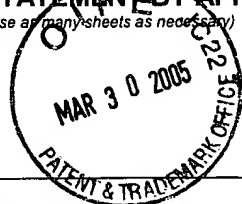
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